IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 44-46 as follows:

1. - 30. (Canceled)

- 31. (Previously Presented) A synthetic oligonucleotide of at least 26 nucleotides in length and comprising a 5mCpG dinucleotide, wherein the 5mC is a C-5 methylcytosine, and which comprises the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 10, wherein the synthetic oligonucleotide comprises a phosphorothioate nucleotide.
- 32. 35. (Canceled)
- 36. (Withdrawn) The synthetic oligonucleotide of claim 31, wherein the oligonucleotide is up to 70 nucleotides in length.
- 37. (Withdrawn) The synthetic oligonucleotide of claim 31, wherein the oligonucleotide is up to 50 nucleotides in length.
- 38. (Canceled)
- 39. (Withdrawn) The synthetic oligonucleotide of claim 31, wherein the oligonucleotide is 30 nucleotides in length.
- 40. (Canceled)
- 41. (Canceled)
- 42. (Canceled)

- 43. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a synthetic oligonucleotide of at least 26 nucleotides in length and comprising a 5mCpG dinucleotide, wherein the 5mC is a C-5 methylcytosine, and wherein the synthetic oligonucleotide comprises a phosphorothioate nucleotide.
- 44. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the synthetic oligonucleotide of claim 31.
- 45. (Withdrawn) A pharmaccurically acceptable salt of the synthetic oligonucleotide of claim 39.
- 46. (Currently Amended) A <u>pharmaceutical</u> composition comprising a synthetic oligonucleotide of at least 26 nucleotides in length and comprising a 5mCpG dinucleotide, wherein the 5mC is a C-5 methylcytosine, and wherein the synthetic oligonucleotide comprises a phosphorothicate nucleotide, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- (Withdrawn) A <u>pharmaceutical</u> composition comprising the synthetic oligonucleotide of claim
 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 48. (Withdrawn) A <u>pharmaceutical</u> composition comprising the synthetic oligonucleotide of claim 39 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 49. 50. (Canceled)